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A Certain and True

# RELATION

OF THE

Heavenly Enjoyments

AND

Living Testimonies

Of God's Love unto her Soul,

Participated of from the Bountiful Hand of the  
L O R D, and communicated to her in the time  
of her Weakness of Body.

Declared upon the Dying-Bed of *SARAH*  
the Wife of *JOHN BECK* of *Doctra* in the *Test 190*  
County of *Westmoreland*, who departed  
this Life the 13th Day of the 6th  
Moneth, 1679.

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*The Souls of the Righteous are precious in the Eyes of the Lord, and  
they shall be had in Everlasting Remembrance.*

*Blissed are the Dead which die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit,  
for they rest from their Labours, and their Works follow them.*  
Rev. 14. 13.

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Printed in the Year 1680.

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# RELATION

OF THE

Heavenly Enjoyments

AND

Divine Influences

OF GOD'S LOVE INTO PERSONS

OF THE  
OLD, and coming into the  
of the World of Bodies

Described upon the Divine Vision of  
the Wife of JOHN RECK of Buxton in  
County of Westmoreland who deceased  
the 13th Day of the 6th  
Month 1692

The Sense of the Religion and precious in the Eyes of the Lord, and  
that shall be had in Everlasting Remembrance.  
I shall not be Dead which she in the Lord, even so faith she lives;  
for they rise from their Labours, and their Works follow them

Printed in the Year 1693





A Testimony that Sarah Beck, the Wife of John Beck, did bear and Upright of the Love of God, which she was sensible of when she was very Weak of Body, and on her DYING-BED.

**S**HE continued seven Weeks and one Day after the Birth of her Daughter Sarah; and all the time of her Weakness she was very patient, and freely given up and resign'd to the Will of God, often signifying, *She was Content, whether to Live or Die; saying, She had sweet Peace with God.*

And on the First day at Night, being the 3d of the 6th Month, she was worse than before; and in the Morning she grew very ill and weak, so that it was thought, that she had been gone; but when she recovered, she said, *She was Well; and very well if I had gone.* But after that she was raised by the mighty Power of God many times to praise and magnifie the Name of the Lord, saying; *Oh, thou pure God! Oh, thou good God! O thou blessed God! O my Saviour! Honoured be thy Name, Praised be thy Name, Renowned be thy Name.* And when she had rested a little, being very weak, she desired of the Lord, that she might praise his Name again, before she departed out of this Tabernacle; and the Lord by his Living Power did raise her up in a wonderful manner, contrary to the Expectation of them that were with her; and his Living Presence did surround her, in such a manner that she could not contain, but broke forth into a sweet Harmony, and sang Praises unto the Lord, even to the rending and breaking of the Hearts of several, and true refreshing of the Souls of the sensible Ones; that were with her, who had true Unity with her joyes, she was overcome with the Love of God, and the Joy of that Endless Life (into which she is now entered) that

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she cryed forth aloud, *Magnifie the Lord! O Magnifie the Lord! O Magnified be thy Name! O thou God of my Life! Glory to thy Name, thou Helper of Israel; and said, O Friends! Praise the Lord, O Praise him, every one of you! for surely Heaven is open; I see God in his Glory, O! he shines: Friends, do you not see how God shines. O God! thou shinest in thy Beauty of Holiness? O what a Light is here! sure Heaven is open: I see God on his Glorious Throne, and his holy Angels: And she sweetly praised the Lord, and said, O Lord! thou hast satisfied my Soul: I desired, that I might Praise thee, and thou hast satisfied me; Honour, Glory and Hallelujahs unto thee: O thou God of my Life! Oh! I feel sweet Peace and great Joy, Oh! the Joy that is laid up for the Righteous; Oh! who would not but fear the Lord! who would not but be faithful! And she was taken ill again, and was very Sick, so that it was thought several times, that she had been gone, but the Lord again did raise her up; and she would have said aloud, O Lord! O God! let me Praise thy holy Name unto more before I depart out of this Tabernacle: And the Lord did answer her earnest Desire, and by his Eternal Power gave her Ability to Praise, Magnifie and Glorifie his Holy Name, as before, to the refreshing and comforting of Friends that were with her, and some that were no Friends in the Truth, said, Surely God was with her: And she did often signifie what great Joy and Peace she felt, saying, Surely never greater Joy can be desired, than what I now feel.*

And at another time she said, *My Physician is come; O God! thou art my Physician, and thou hast Cured me: I matter not for all the Physicians in the World; for I believed in thee, and thou hast Healed me: And she said, My Soul is now ready to be offered up unto the Lord as a Living Sacrifice: And took her leave of her Husband, and the rest of her Friends, taking them by the hand, and kissed them, and bid them Farewel one by one, saying with a cheerful Countenance, I am now going; she said, This sweet End will make my heart glad when I remember my end; I will be the same to you that you have been to me: She remembered her loved Friends, and said, I desire that Friends may be faithful: And when it was thought that she was in great Pain and very Sick, so that some said, It was very hard: she answered, Nay, it is very*



very sweet; for the Lord smitten is: Oh! thou Glorious God, thou hast satisfied my Soul; I am filled with thy pure Presence: O thou Keeper of Israel! Praised and Magnified be thy holy Name forever, for thou art Worthy, and thy Mercies and Goodness are Endless: O Righteous God! O who would not praise thee! O that I may praise thee while I have Breath and Being! as indeed she did; for even at the hour of her Departure she praised the Lord very sweetly; and said, *Call in the Family*; they being called in, Now, said she, *Rejoice Friends*; and reached forth her hand to her Husband, and holding him by the hand, made sweet Melody in her Heart, to the Praise and Honour of the Lord, and to the great Comfort of Friends that were with her; and said, *Dear God* (several times together, (being very Weak) *what shall I render unto thee for this Evening Sacrifice?* And so went on in Prayer and Praising the Lord, till her natural Strength failed; and then turned her face to the Pillow, and lay still like an innocent Lamb, as indeed she was, and said no more, even as if she had fallen a Sleep, being the 13th of the 6th Moneth, 1679. in the Evening.

Many other sweet and comfortable Words she spake, which cannot be remembered to the full; but as she lived an innocent Life, so was her Latter end comfortable, and she hath laid down her Head in Perfect Peace with the Lord her Maker and Redeemer.

Well, the Lord shall have the Praise, the Honour and the Glory, over all, and not any Creature, for he is worthy, as she hath often said both in her Health, and also in her Sickness; for she would alwayes lay the Creature Low, and God to have the Glory of his own Work, who is worthy, blessed over all forever. And in the time of her Weakness several came to see her that were not Friends, before whom she was moved to bear a faithful Testimony against their Hurling Priests; and in the Name of the Lord, and in his Living Power, did she testify, That they were out of the Right Way, and not sent of God; and therefore did not profit the People at all: And she cleared her self, that it was not in the least in Enmity or Ill-will that she said so words to the Priests, but that the Lord had made her a living Witness to the Truth of his Word, which she did not doubt to say in the face of the Lord, and in the face of his People.

against their Wayes and Covetous Practices; to which some of them answered, *That they did believe her, for they believed that she wishe d all well.*

*Witnesses hereof, as being often present with her in the time of her Weakness, and hearing these words, with more to the same Effect:*

John Beck, her Husband,  
Isabel Gardner,  
Elizabeth Ware,  
Thomas Gardner,  
Agnes Gardner,

John Dickinson,  
Elianor Dickinson,  
Elianor Corney: *With several others that might be mentioned.*

*Concerning Sarah Beck, my dear wife, this Testimony I have to bear.*

**T**Hat she was a Woman truly fearing God, and had a true and real Desire after Truth and Righteousness, and after the Welfare & Prosperity of it both in her self, & all that professed it; & that those that knew it not might come to the Knowledge and Obedience of it: And after I came into acquaintance with her, and did move her to Marriage, Oh! how Solid and Weighty she was! insomuch, that she would often say, *Marriage is a weighty Thing*; and did often desire and breathe to the Lord, That we might proceed in it in the true Fear of the Lord, and then our Love and Unity would abound one towards the other, and so it did: And after we were married, her whole desire and breathing was, that we might both be kept in the true Fear of the Lord in all our Undertakings, and in a living Sence of the Truth, and of the Goodness of the Lord towards us; and this Desire being True and Real it was increased, so that she grew in the Gift or Measure that God had committed to her; and being faithful and obedient, so that she came to have her Mouth opened to pray to God in our Family, whereby I was often refreshed and broken into Tenderness, through the living operation of the Power and Gift of God in her, which did freshly & livingly spring

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in her many a time, so that a living Testimony and a good Remembrance remains upon my Heart continually concerning her. And often she said, *Oh that we may be kept faithful to the End, that we may never Offend the Lord;* so that her Desires, Breachings and Groanings were after the Lord Night and Day, that she might not lose her Peace with him, and this was also granted unto her; for in the time of her Sickness and outward Exercise, she was patient and contented, though her Exercise was many times very sharp, yet she did patiently bear it; and said many times, *It will be over;* and that *she had true Peace with God;* and her Heart was full many times with Praises unto God, that he had kept her in Perfect Peace with him; and being kept in this Condition, she was a Refreshment to Friends when they came to visit her. And when she drew near her time of the giving up of her Natural Life, she bid, *Call in the Family;* and she took me by the hand, and then took her leave of us one by one, bidding us *Farewel;* and then she prayed while one could understand what she said, then she laid down her Head upon her Pillow, as though she would have fallen asleep, and so she gave up her Natural Life without either Sigh or Groan, like an Innocent Lamb: and she is gone to her Rest with her Maker and Husband, who had betrothed her unto himself in Faithfulness.

## JOHN BECK.

*I have this to say concerning my dear Child Sarah Beck;*  
**T**HAT as she lived an Innocent Life, so was her Latter-end Comfortable; and although it hath been a near Exercise to me, to part with such a dear Child, yet truly can I say, that the Consideration of her Everlasting Well-being doth stay my Mind; and the Remembrance of the Love of God to her, doth often break my Heart; for in the time that she lay on her Dying-Bed, I have several times found her very Tender, and much Broken; and when I had askt her, *How do you?* she said, *I*

even the Love of God that broke my Heart, and the Consideration of his tender Dealings with me: And she said to me, Dear Mother, let nothing trouble thee, for there is nothing at all that troubles me. So I can testify to these Lines above-written; (for I was much with her in the time of her Weakness;) and we were often well refreshed together with the Incomes of God's Love; then she said, *Oh this was a good Meeting! we have met with the Lord.*

## Isabel Gardner.

*A Testimony lives in my Heart concerning my dear Sister Sarah Beck, the wife of John Beck, whose former Name was Sarah Gardner.*

**T**HIS I can truly testify, That she was an innocent Woman, and one that did truly fear the Lord in her day, and wished the well-fare of all People; yea, even from a Child was her Heart set to seek the Lord, and the prosperity of his blessed Truth, which the Lord had made her with many more partakers of, blessed be his Holy Name for evermore: and I certainly know that it was her chiefest care, faithfully to serve the Lord and obey him in whatever he required of her. And it was sometimes required of her by the Lord to exhort others to Faithfulness, and to improve the Gift or Talent which the Lord had committed to them, and the Lord did always give her Power and Ability to perform faithfully whatsoever he required of her, for which she did, as was her Duty, return the Praise and Honour unto him over all: Surely her Love was Universal, I have often heard her say, *Oh that all would come to the knowledge of the Truth, and love therein! Methinks I wish that all People would truly see the Lord.* So far was she from bearing any ill-will towards any, that she wished the Everlasting Well-fare of All, and it was her earnest desire unto the Lord, that he would preserve her faithful unto himself, and that she might live to his Praise



Praise while she lived; and as the Lord had put it into her Heart to seek true Peace with him, so (blessed be his Name) he preserved her in the same to the end of her dayes.

For on her dying Bed she did often signifie, that she was content whether to live or dye, saying, That she had sweet Peace with God; and she said, *It makes my Heart glad when I remember my End, it will be the Happiest Hour that ever came to me.* Yea, she did often signifie what great Joy and Peace she felt, singing Praises unto the Lord, and making sweet Melody in her Heart, saying, *Oh thou Ocean, Ocean! Oh Fullness, Fullness! Oh! who would not but see the Lord, and serve him all their dayes! Oh the Joy, that is laid up for the Righteous!*

And in all the time of her weakness of Body, she was very patient and freely given up to submit to the Will of God, saying, *O Lord, I will wait upon thee with patience, till my Change come; for surely thou art worthy to be waited upon! Oh thou God of my Life! Oh that I may Praise thee while I have Breath and Being!* Yea, that was her earnest desire, both for her self and others, both in her Health and Sicknes, as indeed I (with several more) was a Witness that she had her desire granted; for even at the Hour of her departure she Praised the Lord very sweetly; and the last Words that she uttered, were in Prayer unto the Lord, and in praising of his Holy Name; and so passed away quietly as if she had fallen asleep.

And now although I with many more, unto whom the Lord made her Servicable, am sensible of a great want of her; yet of this I do conclude, that though it be our Present Loss, it is her Everlasting Gain. So unto the Lord do I desire to commend my Cause; who is able to supply all our Wants, and to make all hard Things easie, as we truly eye him, and have our whole Dependence upon him, who is God over all, blessed forever.

Now what I have here written concerning my dear Sister, the Lord knows my Heart, it is not in the least to set her up above her place, as if she had been able to do any thing of her self, but as the Lord did enable her, as she often confessed unto the Lord, *Thou art her full strength, and she do nothing, but all her Help and strength was of the Lord alone.* So unto him be the Praise ever  
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all, and not unto any Creature, for there is none that can perform any acceptable Service unto the Lord, but as he enables them; therefore unto him be the Honour and Praise of his own Work forever.

*Agnes Gardner.*

This is my Testimony concerning *Sarah Beck*;

**T**HAT I travelled with her in her Exercise, both in her Health and in her Sickness; and her Desire was, That all might be Faithful to what was made manifest unto them; and in the time of her Weakness of Body, I can truly say, That I was sensible of her Exercise, and did bear a share with her, and said several times to her, That *I did believe that the Lord would turn it to her Joy, whether it was to live or dye*; and when the Time came, that the Lord comforted her, I can truly say, I was comforted with her; and so I can truly say, that I had such Unity with her, that that which was her Joy was my Joy, and that which was her Sorrow was my Sorrow: So I can bear witness what is above-written, for I was much conversant with her in the time of her Weakness.

**ELIANOR DICKINSON.**

**P**EACE is sown for the Righteous; and Joy and Gladness for the Upright in Heart; they are certainly Blessed and truly Happy who answer the holy Call of God by pure Obedience, as this our beloved Sister hath done; for she chose the Truth to be her Path, and her Delight was in it even from a Child; and as she grew in Years, so she grew in the Truth, and by Faith therein was a true Witness of God's heavenly Word of Power manifested in her Bosom by the Virtue of which her Soul was made alive by Christ, who is the Light, the Life, & the Power, by which she came to be reconciled to God again, and in so doing a true Witness of his Name and Saving Health, and therein did extol his Praise and magnify his Power, as she hath often sweetly done.



done, not only in her Health but also in her Sicknes, to the Refreshment of many; and as she lived an Innocent Harmlesse Life, she being of a mild Lamb-like Disposition, so she ended her Dayes in Innocency; and being Redeemed from the Earth, laid down her Head in Peace; and though her outward Body be gone to the Dust, from whence it came, yet her Spirit is ascended to God that gave it; and her living Testimony and good Saviour that she hath left, remain as Comfortable Memorials upon our Minds, desiring, That we may so live, and so finish our Course, as she hath done, knowing that all who endure to the End shall be saved. So being satisfied and perswaded, that many Friends are of the same Faith and Belief concerning her, I rest with this Testimony in my Heart, which is here expressed.

Robert Barrowe.

My Testimony concerning my dear Sister Sarah Barrowe.

That she was an Innocent Woman, and from her Childhood: till her Dying-day, she always minded good things; for when she was a Child, she had an Eye to God, that she did not offend him, and loved good Friends well; and as she grew in Years, so she grew in the Truth of God, alwayes desiring the Prosperity thereof; so that her Diligence exceeded many of her Equall in Years, and the Lord was with her, and she grew in the Truth, and he put his Word in her Mouth, and she faithfully declared it, as the Lord required her, whether as in a Publike Testimony amongst Friends, or otherwise to warn People to Repent and Turn unto the Lord, to whom he did send her, and she was faithful in all things as the Lord gave her Understanding: for she was but a weak Instrument, but as the Lord would she was strong, unto whom she would alwayes return Thankes, for he alone was Worthy; for it was the Glory of God that was most in her Mind, and she was wholly given up to him, and his Holy Spirit, and his pure Fear was her Guide, and his Word was her Light, and the Lord was her Strength, and his Love was her Joy, and his Mercy was her Refuge, so was her Heart continually, and she grew stronger and stronger in God, so that she was able

aloud (when she was very weak of Body, so that she was ready to faint away, as to outward appearance) and Praised and Magnified the Name of the Lord (as is testified in the foregoing Testimonies) and often exhorted Friends to Faithfulness: I was often with her in the time of her Sickness, and I was well refreshed with her; for when her Sickness did but a little abate then she would be Praying and Praising the Name of the Lord, often signifying to us, what Joy and Peace she did feel, to the Satisfaction of her Immortal Soul, and to the great Comfort of us her Friends, who had sweet Unity with her; and although it was a great Exercise to us, her near Relations, to part with her, being a living Instrument in the hand of God, by which we were well refreshed many a time; yet we can certainly say to the Joy of our Hearts, That it is her Everlasting Gain, and she hath laid down her Word in Perfect Peace; for I can truly say, That I am often well refreshed and comforted in the Remembrance of her, my dear Sister. Well, the Lord gives life and Breath, and takes it away when he pleases; for he is *Worthy*, forever blessed be the Everlasting Name of our God, for who is Rich in Mercy and Gracious in Loving-kindness; Of that we may always dwell joy before God, and return him Living Praises ever all, for he alone is *Worthy*, hail my Soul.

*Thomas Gardner.*

**THE END.**